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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.121:

1. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of assembling a disk drive, classified in class 29, subclass 603.03.
- 5 II. Claims 8-19, drawn to an adjusting mechanism for a base/tray, classified in class 720, subclass 691.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

10 Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the process as claimed can be made by another and materially different process MPEP § 806.05(f). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as one that does not require the sequential method steps 15 including at least forming a plurality of bores on the tray and subsequently forming a plurality of holes in the mounting plate corresponding to the bores.

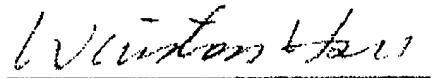
20 Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Response:

25 The Applicant has consequently amended the claims in the above Amendments to the Claims section to elect the claims in Group II. Claims 8-19, drawn to an adjusting mechanism for a base/tray, are elected as the subject matter to be examined in the present application. Claims 1-7 are non-elected and therefore cancelled. Examination of claims 8-19 is therefore requested.

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